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This report contains the results from the **2020 August Ag Yield Survey**. These data are also posted on our web site at https://www.nass.usda.gov/la and in a more detailed report at https://www.nass.usda.gov. Thanks to all who responded to this survey.

Corn Yield and Production Up from 2019 Cotton Yield Up but Production Down from 2019 Rice Yield and Production Up from 2019 Soybean Yield and Production Up from 2019 Sugarcane Yield and Production Up from 2019

Louisiana **corn** for grain production is forecast at 102 million bushels, up 13 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 180 bushels per acre, up 15 bushels from last year. Producers expect to harvest 565,000 acres of corn for grain, up 20,000 acres from 2019.

Upland cotton production is forecast at 460,000 bales, down 21 percent, or 122,000 bales below last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 1,132 pounds per harvested acre, up 97 pounds from 2019. Producers expect to harvest 195,000 acres of cotton, down 75,000 acres from 2019.

Hay production, excluding alfalfa, is forecast at 1,026,000 tons, up 5 percent from 2019. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 2.70 tons per acre, up 0.20 ton from last year. Producers expect to harvest 380,000 acres of hay, excluding alfalfa, down 10,000 acres from 2019.

All rice production for the state is forecast at 30.3 million hundredweight, up 15 percent from last year's production of 26.4 million hundredweight. Based on conditions as of August 1, the all rice yield for 2020 is forecast at 7,150 pounds per acre, up 770 pounds from last year. Producers expect to harvest 424,000 acres of rice, up 10,000 acres from 2019.

Soybean production in 2020 is forecast at 58.9 million bushels, up 43 percent from last year. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is expected to average 55 bushels per acre, up 7 bushels from last year. Area for harvest, at 1.07 million acres, is up 210,000 acres from 2019.

Sugarcane production is forecast at 14.7 million net tons, up 12 percent from a year ago. Based on conditions as of August 1, yield is forecast at 30.6 net tons per acre, up 2.5 net tons from last year. Area harvested for sugar and seed totaled 480,000 acres, up 11,000 acres from 2019.

Area Harvested, Yield, and Production - Louisiana and United States: 2019 and Forecasted August 1, 2020

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| Crop | Unit | Area harvested | | Yield | | Production | |
| | | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Louisiana | | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (per acre) | (per acre) | (1,000 units) | (1,000 units) |
| Corn, for grain | bushels | 545.0 | 565.0 | 165.00 | 180.00 | 89,925 | 101,700 |
| Cotton, upland | 1 | 270.0 | 195.0 | 1,035.00 | 1,132.00 | 582 | 460 |
| Hay, excluding alfalfa | tons | 390.0 | 380.0 | 2.50 | 2.70 | 975 | 1,026 |
| Rice, all | 2 | 414.0 | 424.0 | 6,380.00 | 7,150.00 | 26,408 | 30,316 |
| Soybeans, for beans | bushels | 860.0 | 1,070.0 | 48.00 | 55.00 | 41,280 | 58,850 |
| Sugarcane (sugar/seed) | net tons | 469.0 | 480.0 | 28.10 | 30.60 | 13,161 | 14,688 |
| United States | | (1,000 acres) | (1,000 acres) | (per acre) | (per acre) | (1,000 units) | (1,000 units) |
| Corn, for grain | bushels | 81,322.0 | 84,023.0 | 167.40 | 181.80 | 13,617,261 | 15,278,202 |
| Cotton, upland | 1 | 11,389.0 | 9,057.0 | 810.00 | 929.00 | 19,227 | 17,525 |
| Hay, excluding alfalfa | tons | 35,682.0 | 36,029.0 | 2.07 | 2.04 | 73,989 | 73,590 |
| Rice, all | 2 | 2,472.0 | 2,870.0 | 7,471.00 | 7,600.00 | 184,675 | 218,112 |
| Soybeans, for beans | bushels | 74,951.0 | 83,020.0 | 47.40 | 53.30 | 3,552,241 | 4,424,800 |
| Sugarcane (sugar/seed) | net tons | 913.2 | 924.4 | 35.00 | 36.20 | 31,937 | 33,478 |

¹ Cotton yield in pounds per acre, production in 480 pound bales.

² Rice yield in pounds per acre, production in hundredweight (cwt).



Corn: Production - Louisiana and United States: 2000 - 2020 Billion bushels Million bushels United States Louisiana 130 16 United States 110 Louisiana 90 12 70 10 50 8 30 2008 2010 2014 Year







